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SUBJECT: GAMBIAN REQUEST FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ZIONISM

1. IN A RECENT TOUR D'HORIZON WITH CHARGE, GOTG ACTING SEC GEN M.M. SOSSEH REQUESTED BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT ZIONISM, COVERING BOTH HISTORY OF MOVEMENT, AND HOW IT BECAME EMBROILED IN RACISM CONTROVERSY DURING 30TH U VA. HE SAID HE DOUBTED MINISTER, OR ANY OTHER HIGH GAMBIAN OFFICIAL, HAD CLEAR IDEA WHAT ZIONISM ALL ABOUT, AND PROMISED INCLUDE RELEVANT ITEMS AMONG FUTURE BRIEFING MATERIALS PREPARED FOR GAMBIAN DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES.

2. EMBASSY HAS MAINTAINED FRUITFUL DIALOGUE WITH MINEXTAFF ON VARIETY KEY UN-RELATED ISSUES, NOTABLY KOREA AND PUERTO RICO, FOR WHICH EXCELLENT MATERIALS HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED BY DEPT TO POST. WE HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT HESITANT TO INITIATE DISCUSSION ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUES WITH MINISTRY BECAUSE COUNTRY IS MORE THAN 90 PER CENT MUSLIM, OVERWHELMINGLY PRO-ARAB, AND RECEIPT INCREASING AMOUNTS ARAB LARGESSE.

2. HOWEVER, SOSSEH'S REQUEST OPENS OPPORTUNITY INITIATE LOW KEY DISCUSSION ZIONISM/RACISM AND PERHAPS OTHER ASPECTS ME PROBLEM. CHARGE HAS GIVEN SOSSEH COPY OF WELL WRITTEN ENCYCLOPEDIA ARTICLE ON HISTORY OF ZIONISM. SOMETIMES THIS  
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SMALL EMBASSY IS INADVERTENTLY OMITTED FROM RECEIVING MATERIALS

SENT TO ALL POSTS, THEREFORE CABLES AND/OR AIRGRAMS MAY EXIST WHICH DISCUSS ZIONISM/RACISM IN DEPTH, BUT WE CANNOT FIND ANY IN OUR FILES. EMBASSY COULD USE SOMETHING ON ZIONISM/RACISM COMPARABLE TO PUERTO RICO AND KOREA PRESENTATIONS OF PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, IN DEALING FURTHER WITH THIS GAMBIA REQUEST. DEPT'S ASSISTANCE WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED, AND ANY MATERIALS DEVELOPED MIGHT WELL BE USABLE AT OTHER AF POSTS. WYGANT

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